



John Raymond Weiland

August 25, 1939 - April 24, 2020

Weiland, John R. A kind, sweet soul who was a loving husband and a precious father passed away on Friday, April 24, 2020 at age 80.

John is survived by his wife Carol, daughters Dawn (Nathan) Cardarelle and Diana (Calvin) Craig; granddaughters, Kelsey (Tony) Aquilina and Sylena Kontour-Craig.

John, along with his twin brother Jerry, proudly served together in the U.S. Navy aboard Aircraft Carriers USS Leyte and USS Tarawa.

After graduating from Minneapolis Washburn High School, class of '57, and then from the Dunwoody Institute, he was employed by General Mills JFB Research Division until he retired at the age of 55.

Throughout the 1970s, John devoted many hours as a referee for the Bloomington Youth Hockey Program. In 1974 he refereed the World Junior Hockey Tournament in Winnipeg Canada's Centennial Celebration.

From 1974 - 1977 John refereed for the USA A-H-A, and in March of both 1984 and 1985 he had the privilege of refereeing the finals of the MSHS Hockey Tournament at the St. Paul Civic Center.

During his retirement he enjoyed home renovations, travelling throughout the US, fishing in Alaska, Canada and Minnesota, and golfing at his home in Florida.

John and Carol sold their Edina home and moved to Crystal Bay, Lake Minnetonka. Eventually, after too many cold winters, they relocated to the Meridian Condominium in Clearwater Beach and then to the Golf Community of Black Diamond in Lecanto, FL. There they made new friends and reunited with other Minnesota snowbirds.

While in Clearwater, he served for several years as a volunteer with the Clearwater Police Dept. assisting in patrolling parks and beaches.

In 1999, he received the Hennepin County Sheriff's "Citizens Award of Merit" that read "In recognition for John's outstanding efforts to save the life of another on March 12, 1999." This rescue occurred as a result of a snowmobile accident in Lake Minnetonka's Coffee Channel.

John's generosity with his time and his talent for creating, constructing and repairing just about anything will be missed by anyone who received either. He demonstrated a work ethic of the highest level throughout his life.

John was pre-deceased by his parents, Leo and Ione Weiland, niece, Sue Weiland, sister-in-law, Kathy Weiland, and his beloved dog, Snickers.

In addition to his wife and daughters, John is survived by twin brother Jerry Weiland and his family, brother, Ron Weiland, sister-in-law, Mary Weiland and their family, sister Sue (Jerry) Thoreen and their families, special niece, Julie Birkedal, and nephew, Patrick Weiland. John is also survived by many lifelong friends including golf buddies, Bill Allard and Owen Gregg, and the entire family of Fred Johnson, who's life John saved in Minnetonka's Coffee Channel. So profoundly grateful were Fred and his wife Channele that they named their first born son Weiland.

Our heartfelt gratitude is extended to so many dear friends who prayed for us and have given us immense support and love.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a random act of kindness in John's memory or a contribution to a charity of your choice.

Private interment at Lakewood Cemetery. A memorial Celebration of John's Life will be held at a date to be determined. Washburn-McReavy

Comments



“ I was just thinking about John and was so sad to learn of his passing. John was a great friend and mentor. Many memories of working together, camping and Canadian fishing trips. Nothing better than John’s breakfasts or shore lunches! My heart hurts, for you Carol, Dawn and Diana.

Dave DeCambaliza - May 08 at 08:46 AM